

19 Whitehall Place

18th August 1869

My dear Lucas

- In perhaps your note
let me drop this non formal
address -

I have sent to Mr.
Cooke since that your note, &
he will call upon you the next
morning (Friday), at 10.

He is a very worthy
house man, and will explain
to you how far the Mercie

system & other modern inventions
have modified (& modified)
the system which prevailed in
my time - when Plancher was
Consul -

As to "Exchanges" - the best
plan is to get the worth of
the books from the Cash, & then
generally to substitute other
books by communication with
second-hand booksellers

A even sleep from the
presently from then - and
I am for the present. only a
fair visitor in London:
coming up & down each day
by railway -

When I return "for good" I
hope to prevail on you to come &
see me again - when I shall also
hope to hear a good account
of the Cook - Ever most truly
yours

S. Lucas Esq

John Foster